

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-2 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103. Claims 3-7 and 14-28 are allowed. Claims 1 and 2 are hereby canceled. Claims 10 and 11 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Claims 10 and 11, as amended, depend on allowed claim 3. Hence, Applicants submit that claims 10 and 11, and claim 12 which depends on claim 11, are allowable for the same reasons as claim 3. Reconsideration and allowance of dependent claims 10-12 is respectfully requested.

Having now fully and completely responded to the Office Action, Applicants assert that the pending claims are fully in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner identifies further issues which may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (865) 546-4305.

In the event that this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension, along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this response, may be charged to our deposit account No. 12-2355.

Respectfully submitted,

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